14.	Punjab	—
15.	Himachal Pradesh	—
16.	Orissa	25,000
17.	Rajasthan	34,000
18.	Tamil Nadu	1,18,497
19.	Uttar Pradesh	67,523
	TOTAL:	9,53,815

'Telephone-on-Demand' Scheme Introduced by Hyderabad Telecom

1721. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hyderabad Telecom has introduced the 'Phone-on-Demand' Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this Scheme is on operation in other parts of the country;

(d) what is the number of such phones released in Hyderabad Telecom so far in 1995-96; and

(e) what other measures Hyderabad Telecome propose to clear the waiting list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. However waiting list has considerably reduced in a number of exchange areas in Hyderabad due to increased availability of Telephones.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir, However, National Telecom Policy 1994 envisages provision of telephone connections on demand all over the country by 1997.

(d) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above. However, During normal course 28841 telephone connections have been provided so far in Hyderabad Telephone District during 95-96.

(e) The waiting list upto June '95 is proposed to be cleared by 31st March 1996 in Hyderabad Telephone District subject to timely availability of equipment and other resources.

Allocation of STD/ISD/PCO to Unemployed Handicapped Youth

1722. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving any preference to unemployed-handicapped youth in the allotment of STD/ISD/PCOs in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of guidelines issued to Telecom General Managers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Preferential categories include unemployed-handicapped persons.

(b) The details of guidelines issued to the Heads of Telecom. Circles/Districts in this regard are given in the Statement.

Statement

To,

All Chief General Managers,
Telecom/Telephones.
The Chief General Manager, MTNL,
New Delhi/Bombay.
The General Managers, Telephones.

SUBJECT: **Review of policy on STD PCOs**

Under the orders of Hon'ble MOS(C), the liberalised policy of allotment of STD Payphones enumerated in our office Memo No. 31-13/91-PHB dt. 14.08.1992 has been reviewed with a view to provide greater employment opportunities to educated unemployed. The following guidelines are issued for implementation with immediate effect.

1. GENERAL:

1. Eligibility:

Only educated unemployed persons are eligible to apply for allotment of STD PCOs. They should produce an unemployment certificate from their local MPs/MLAs/Revenue Authorities of the rank of Tehsildar and above employment Officer/Chairman or Member of Zilla Parishad/Panchayat or Village Pradhan or Secretaries of recognised Social Organisations like Rotary Club/Lions Club etc. who have jurisdiction over the locality where the applicant resides. The educational qualifications for the applicants are:—

(i) for rural areas: 8th or middle school pass and above.

(ii) for urban Areas:atleast matriculate or High School and above.

Application is to be submitted in the prescribed performa enclosing the unemployment certificate and agreeing to the terms and conditions performa enclosing the unemployment certificate and agreeing to the terms and conditions prescribed by the Department of Telecom. for the operation of STD PCOs.

2. *Selection of bonafide persons:*

A committee with a composition as given below will select the applicants for allotment of STD PCOs after proper scrutiny and verification of bonafides. As a check against possible frauds, photocopy of the unemployment certificate may be sent by registered letter to the issuing authority with a covering letter requesting for getting it verified. The committee will allot the available number of PCOs giving preference to the following categories of persons:

(a) Handicapped including blind persons.

(b) SC/ST applicants.

(c) Ex-servicement/War Widows.

(d) Retired DoT employees or their dependents.

(e) Dependants of Freedom Fighters.

(f) Charitable Institutions/Hospitals.

The committee will be fully authorised to allot STD PCOs and also decide the location of the new PCOs.

Composition of committee

(a) The committee for allotment of the new STD payphones would consist as under:

(i) Head of SSA ——— Chairman

(ii) An officer from the Finance and Accounts wing of the Deptt. working under SSA Head such as AD/CAD etc. — — Member

(iii) Three Non-official members would be nominated by the Minister for a tenure period of two years.

3. *Procedure of allotment*

The committee will meet atleast once every month depending on the amount of work relating to allotment of STD PCO to scrutinise and select the applications from the eligible persons for STD PCO allotment.

4. *Loan facility to STD PCO allottees*

SSA Head will issue a certificate of allotment of STD PCO to the allottees to enable him to seek loan etc. from scheduled banks. SSA Head will also provide all assistance in this regard.

5. *Extent of provision*

Upto 5% capacity of the exchange lines is to be reserved for allotment of PCOs (STD & Local).

6. *Type of Exchange to which STD PCOs should be parented*

STD PCOs should normally be parented to an Electronic Exchange only. In a place which is served by electromechnical exchanges, a new 128P C-DOT electronic exchange or electronic exchange of a higher capacity with 16 KHz home metering capacity can be opened and all STD payphones may be parented to this electronic exchange. The call logers working with these STD PCOs should be operated on 16KHz cycle pulse from the parented electronic exchange.

7. *General conditions*

(i) One applicant should be provided with only one STD Payphone. However, the existing bulk franchisees will continue to operate as per terms and conditions of their existing agreement.

(ii) All STD payphones should be so installed that they face public road/lane to allow free access to public.

(iii) The opening hours of such public telephone would be atleast from 6.00 am. to 10.00 pm.

(iv) Terminal equipment used by the allottee should be interface approved and they should not be programmable locally. Simple call loggers/Charge indicator manufactured by Hindustan Teleprinters Ltd. or other manufacturers which are interface approved by the department should be used. Use of stop watch will not be permitted (List of approved charge indicators is being circulated separately)

(v) Procedure for recovary of security deposit and bills from STD PCO allottees will be as under:

Two accounts either in a Public Sector Bank or in Post Office saving Bank will be opened per STD PCO allottee. The first account will be opened in the name of Department of Telecom. in which the allotttee will deposit daily the entire collection of the day after deducting 20 paise per call unit upto 10,000 call unit, 15 paise per call unit in the range of 10,000 to 20,000 call units and 10 paise call unit beyound 20,000 call units as commission for the total number of call units made over a period of one month. The A.O. (TR) will monitor the proper deposit of the amounts by co-ordinating with bank/post office and will also ensure that all bills in respect of these STD PCOs are timely adjusted from above account. The other account will be in the name of the allotttee and it will be pledged to the President of the Union of India. The allottee will deposit 5 paise per call unit in this account daily towards security deposit and this deposit will continue to be made till the amount becomes equal to Rs.5,000/- in respect of Urban STD PCOs to Rs. 600/- in the case of rural STD PCOs or average one month revenue whichever is higher. In rural areas, if the facility of Bank or Post Office is not available nearby, the above deposits can be made weekly. The telephone inspector and JTOs in the field will periodically inspect and check the pass books of PCO allottees from prompt depositing. Defaulters, if any, in this regard should be brought to the notice of higher authorities for taking action against them, Lapses on the part of the field staff during inspection will be dealt with severe penalties.

(vi) The security deposit can also be deposited in cash in one installement or be in the form of a Bank Guarantee.

(vii) Rates of pulses should be displayed prominently by the allottee of STD PCOs for all important stations in the country and all stations within 200 Kms.

(viii) The applicants have to apply in the prescribed form for the allotment of STD PCOs.

(ix) The applicant should also sign an agreement in the prescribed form with the Telecom Authority when an STD PCO is allotted to him.

(x) Incoming call facility will be allowed on all STD PCOs.

(xi) Shifting of STD PCOs within the local areas is permitted normal shifting charges applicable to DEL will be levied.

(xii) Periodical surprise checks should be done to see that the allottee charges customers as per the guidelines given by Department of Telecom.

(xiii)Guidelines for applying for PTS and rural governing them should be published in the commercial information pages of the telephone directory.

(xiv) Periodical advertisements may be inserted in local NEWS papers, when sufficient number of applicants are not forthcoming.

II RURAL:

A part form the general conditions the following guidelines have to be followed in respect of rural STD PCO operation. The rural STD PCO is defined for this purpose as one working in an exchange system which has a total capacity of 512 lines and less.

1. A minimum guaranteed revenue per PCO month in the case of rural STD PCOs is fixed as Rs.100/-

2. A security deposit of Rs.600/- based on six months guaranteed revenue or monthly average revenue whichever is higher has to be deposited by the allottee of the STD rural PCO. This average revenue is calculated on the basis of the renenue of the previous six months.

3. Weekly billing cycle would be followed for recovery of STD PCO charges.

III NON-RURAL (URBAN)

Apart from the general conditions mentioned above, the guidelines detailed below have to be followed in respect of the STD PCOs scheme in Non-rural(Urban areas)

1. Atleast one STD PCO may be made available for about every 100 dwelling/ Business Premises.

2. While selecting the location for allotment of PCO, the SSA Head will consult the local bodies like Municipality, Public Institutions etc. to allocate convenient places for the PCO Booths. The important places given below should invariably be covered while selecting the location of PCO booths:

— Commerical Housing Societies
— Resettlement Colonies
— Government Colonies
— Family Quarters of Defence Personnel
— Students Hostel
— Bus Stands
— Tourist Centres
— Airports
— Pilgrim Centres
— Railway Stations
— Charitable Institutions
— Hospitals
— Educational Institutions, Public Libraries

3. A minimum graranteed revenue per PCO per month to the Department in the case of Non-rural (Urban) STD PCOs is fixed at Rs.1600/-

4. The amount of security deposit will be Rs. 5000/- or an amount equal to the average monthly revenue whichever is higher. The average monthly revenue will be calculated on the basis previous six months revenue.

5. Fortnightly billing cycle will be

followed for recovery of STD PCO charges. If the charges are heavy, weekly billing may be resorted to by local telecome authority.

डाक कर्मचारियों के लिए आयुर्वेदिक चिकित्सा

1723. **श्री मूलचन्द मीणा:** क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या डाक कर्मचारियों को डाक-तार विभाग के चिकित्सालयों में आयुर्वेदिक चिकित्सा की सुविधा मिल रही है; यदि हां, तो इन चिकित्सालयों में नाम क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) डाक-तार विभाग के सभी चिकित्सालयों में कर्मचारियों के लिए आयुर्वेदिक चिकित्सा कब तक उपलब्ध करा दी जाएगी और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम): (क) और (ख) इस समय, डाक और दूरसंचार विभाग में कोई आयुर्वेदिक डिस्पेंसरी नहीं है। डाक और दूरसंचार विभाग के कर्मचारी, सामान्यतया, जहां केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना की डिस्पेंसरियां हैं, वहां उनका लाभ उठाते हैं। डाक और दूरसंचार की डिस्पेंसरियां केवल उन्ही स्थानों पर खोली गई हैं जहां केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना की डिस्पेंसरियां नहीं हैं और जहां डाक और दूरसंचार के कर्मचारी काफी बड़ी संख्या में रहते हैं। इस समय, डाक और दूरसंचार की डिस्पेंसरियों में डाक और दूर-संचार के कर्मचारियों का आयुर्वेदिक विधि से इलाज करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है क्योंकि ऐसी सुविधा प्रदान करना किफायती नहीं होगा।

Special Stamps on Communal Harmony

1724. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some special stamp on communal harmony was released on 19th November, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some objective are to be achieved with the release of such special stamps; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) A definitive stamp and not a special stamp on Communal Harmony has been released on 19.11.95.

(b) to (d) The Department has decided on the advice of the Philatelic Advisory Committee to issue a stamp on Communal Harmony with the objective of strengthening the process of national integration among the various communities, religious groups through cooperation, by settlement of differences and disputes relating to religion, language and region and preserving and strengthening the freedom and integrity of the nation by peaceful and constitutional means. Definitive stamps which are used in much larger number than special stamps are more appropriate to spread such a message over a longer period of time.

Waiting list for telephones in Rajasthan and Orissa

1725. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons in the waiting list for telephone connections in all the districts of Rajasthan as well as of Orissa States as on 1st December, 1995;

(b) by when all the persons in the waiting lists since 1991-92 are likely to be covered, particularly in Jaipur (Rajasthan) and Bhadrak (Orissa); and

(c) what is the number of telephone exchanges which have been converted into Electronic Exchanges so far since 1991-92 in the above mentioned States year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The total number of persons in the waiting list as on 1-12-95 in Rajasthan and Orissa State are as under: